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SUBJ: SADAT IMPLEMENTS PROCEDURES FOR NEW PARTIES: MORE ON
WAFD

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SUMMARY: FORMATION PARTIES VETTING COMMITTEE COMPLETED.
WAFD CONTINUES INDICATE IT WILL PRESS CASE. EDITORIALISTS
POSIT REBIRTH WILL BE REJECTED BY EGYPTIAN MASSES. MASSES,
THUS FAR, STAYING OUT OF FIGHT. END SUMMARY

1. PRES SADAT SEP 11 ISSUED DECREE APPOINTING THREE PROM-
INENT JUDICIAL FIGURES TO COMMITTEE WHICH WILL VET NEW
POLITICAL/PARTIES' APPLICATIONS FOR LEGALIZATION. AS PREVIOUSLY
REPORTED, COMMITTEE WILL BE HEADED BY ASU SEC GEN MOUSTAFA
KHALIL AND WILL INCLUDE MINS OF JUSTICE, INTERIOR AND LOCAL
GOVT, THUS GIVING GOVT AUTOMATIC MAJORITY. APPOINTMENTS
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COMPLETE FORMATION OF COMMITTEE, WHICH PRESUMABLY NOW PRE-
PARED EXAMINE APPLICATIONS ONCE THESE SUBMITTED.

2. NEW WAFD CONTINUES GIVE EVERY INDICATION THAT COMMITTEE
WILL BE CALLED UPON TO BEGIN WORK SOON. ON SEP 9, SARAG AL-DIN
EXTENSIVELY REBUTTED, IN AKHBAR, MOUSSA SABRI'S COMMENTS
NOTED REFTEL. IN PARTICULAR, SARAG AL-DIN EMPHASIZED FACT THAT

1954 PREVOLUTIONARY COURT, OF WHICH ANWAR SADAT WAS MEMBER, EXONERATED HIM OF ALL CHARGES. HE NOTED HE HAD LED FIGHT TO GIVE EGYPTIAN WORKERS RIGHT ORGANIZE TRADE UNIONS AND POINTED PROUNDLY TO HIS ROLE IN INITIATING FREE HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION. FURTHER, SARAG AL-DIN RECALLED HIS EFFORTS TO NATIONALIZE BANK OF EGYPT AND TO CANCEL 1936 TREAT WITH GREAT BRITIAN. FINALLY, SARAG AL-DIN CLAIMED TO HAVE BEEN OFFERED POSITION ON CENTER PARTY'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE WHEN THIS WAS BEING FORMED LAST YEAR.

3. SARAG AL-DIN'S FINAL CLAIM WAS PARTIALLY SUBSTANTIATED IN SEPARATE LETTER TO AKHBAR WRITTEN BY CENTER PARTY'S FIRST SECGEN MAHMOUD ABU WAFIEH. IN LETTER, ABU WAFIEH ADMITTED THAT HE HAD INVITED SARAG AL-DIN TO JOIN ASU, BUT SAID THIS INVITATION HAD BEEN DECLINED BY SARAG AL-DIN, WHO REPORTEDLY FELT ORGANIZATION OF NO USE. SARAG AL-DIN HAD TOLD HIM, HOWEVER, THAT HE WOULD JOIN ANY PARTY FOUNDED BY PRES SADAT. ABU WAFIEH DID NOT RECALL CONVERSATION CONVERNING POSSIBILITY OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT.

4. EDITORIAL COMMENT STILL LARGELY NEGATIVE. SEP 10 AHRAH RIDICULED "PRINCES OF FEUDALISM" AND "PASHAS OF RECENT PAST". PAPER MAINTAINED THERE NO GOING BACK ON GAINS OF REVOLUTION AND NO RETREAT FROM SOCIALIST MEASURES. OF POSSIBLE INTEREST, EDITORIAL CONCLUDED THAT "THOSE WHO HAVE VENTURED OUT OF THEIR FORGOTTEN CAVES" WILL "BE SILENCED BY THE MASSES": IT DID NOT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CALL FOR LEGAL BANNING OF EMERGING WAFD.

5. SAME DAY'S AKHBAR AL-YOM VIEWED INCREASING PUBLIC DEBATE AS HEALTHY SIGN AND PROOF THAT FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION IS NOW PRIVILEGE ENJOYED BY ALL. PAPER CRITICIZED NEGATIVE ASPECTS OF EGYPTIAN REVOLUTION WHICH HAVE CREATED NEW "FAT CAT PHENMENON". PAPER CALLED ON PM SALIM TO "CHASE EARNERS OF UNLAWFUL GAINS, TO ROUND UP THE NOUVEAU RICHES OF THE JULY REVOLUTION".

6. COMMENT: PUBLIC DEBATE CONTINUES CENTER ON DIFFICULTY OF RECONCILING STATE OF INSTITUTIONS WITH CURRENT EGYPTIAN LEADERSHIP'S OPPOSITION TO WAFD'S REBIRTH. GUIDED EDITORIALISTS CONTINUE PREDICTING THIS WILL BE PREVENTED BY MASSES RISING UP IN RIGHTEOUS WRATH. TO DATE, THERE NO INDICATION THIS ABOUT TO TRANSPIRE. EILTS

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